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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 10th/March, through Sunday, 17th/March there were 226 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T31, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3Y0I BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS. The following was posted on the 3Y0I Web page, dated March 14th: "3Y0I INITIAL PLANS EXTENDED -- A short but essential update this time. An important decision to our DXpedition plans has been taken today, which will reflect in extending the initial 3Y0I plans. We decided to take more provisions than initially planned. So did

we regarding the fuel.

More than 90,000 diesel liters has been fueled up (approx. 1 liter = U\$1 = \$90,000 we paid from our private money). That's all because if weather permits, we plan to stay up to 3-4 weeks at the island itself (excluding sailing and landing time), giving much more chances for ATNOS all over the world. We are loading very list gear to the vessel.

We have already installed and tested our maritime station from our ship. We'll be signing as E51DOM/mm on way to and from the island on HF bands. As these preparations are bringing to a close, we will announce our departure and estimated on-the-air dates very soon.

Stay tuned and cross fingers, please! 73!"

Currently, no dates have been announced yet, and as of print time we are not sure if the "Atlantic Tuna" has done their sea trial yet, but we have been watching the tracking Web sites daily. Again, the Web sites to track the Atlantic Tuna are:

<https://www.vesselfinder.com/?imo=7225051>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:5786633/mmsi:601070100>

For more details and updates, we suggest to watch the following Web pages:

<https://bouvetoya.org>

<https://www.rebeldxgroup.com> (seems to be back online)

http://jouban.jp/3y0i_ja (For JA stations)

<https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>

<https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg>

4A/4B/4C/6E/6F, MEXICO. A group of Ham Radio operators from Southern Mexico will once again be operating from some Mayan archaeological sites from the Mexican States of Merida/Yucatan (4B3MAYA), Champoton/Campeche (4C3MAYA), Museo de Antropologia Regional/Tabasco (4A3MAYA), Chiapas (6F3MAYA) and Quintana Roo (6E3MAYA), between March 21-24th. Activity is to commemorate the Spring Equinox which was so important for the Mayan culture. Activity will be on 80-6 meters on CW, SSB, the satellites and the Digital modes. QSL via info on QRZ.com (some are by XE3N, the FMRE Bureau or LoTW).

5V, TOGO (Update). Members of EIDX Group are now active as 5V7EI from Main Street, Togo, until March 26th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Suggested frequencies were listed in OPDX.1405. QSL via M00XO OQRS, direct, by the Bureau (OQRS) or LoTW (3 months after operation). For more info and updates, watch:

<https://5v7ei.com>

5X, UGANDA (Reminder). The Italian Dxpediton Team (IDT) is now active using the following callsigns for their DXpediton to Uganda until March 25th:

5X3C (not 5X0T) for CW,SSB and RTTY

5X3E (not 5X0X) for FT8

Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via I2YSB, direct, OQRS or LoTW. For more details on the IDT team and an online survey for "needs/wants", see their Web page at:

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

6W, SENEGAL. YL Elvira, IV3FSG, is now active as 6W/IV3FSG from Thies,

near Dakar until April 16th. She works for the Informatici Senza Frontiere organization. Activity will be limited to her spare time on 80-10 meters. Look for Elvira to operate SSB and possibly the Digital modes. QSL all SSB and Digital mode QSOs via IK3GES. Logs will be uploaded to both LoTW and ClubLog after the operation.

6W, SENEGAL. Giovanni, IK5BSC, is now active as 6W/IK5BSC from Senegal until April 14th. Activity will be on various HF bands. No other details were provided. QSL via IK2DUW.

A4, OMAN. Operators Khalid/A41CK, Hamed/A41KT, Mohammed/A41NN, Mudhfer/A41RN, Khalid/A41ZZ, San/A45TT, A45VB and A45VJ will be active as A42K from Muscat, Oman, during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW.

E5, NORTH AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Reminder). By the time you read this, operators Dagmar/DM7PQ, and Rainer/DL1AUZ will be active as E51NPQ and E51AUZ, respectively, from Manihiki Island (OC-014), North Cook Islands until March 25th. Next activity will be from the following scheduled islands:

March 27-31st -- Aitutaki Island (OC-083), South Cook Islands

April 2-11th -- Rarotonga Island (OC-013), South Cook Islands

Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands and CW only. QSL via their home callsigns. Watch QRZ.com for possible updates.

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS. Before heading to Western Kiribati, operators Stan/LZ1GC and Mitko/LZ3NY will be active as E51GC from Manihiki Atoll (OC-014), North Cook Islands, between October 10-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

E6, NIUE (Update to OPDX.1405). Janusz, SP9FIH, will fly to Niue Island (OC-040) on March 16th, and will probably stay in Mutalau village on the northern coast of Niue until April 25th. He will be active as E6AF and his activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15 meters using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via SP9FIH or by ClubLog's OQRS (preferred). For more details and updates, see: <http://www.e6.dxpedititions.org>

ED9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Members of the Amateur Radio Union of Ceuta will be active as ED9E during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via EA9ACD direct only.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN (Sat Op). Philippe, EA4NF, will be active as HB9/EA4NF from the Principality of Liechtenstein between April 17-19th. Activity will be on the FM and SSB satellites. During this trip, the Grid Locator JN47(sk) will also be activated. Equipment is 2X Yaesu FT817ND (5W) into an Arrow II 146/437 (Portable) antenna. QSL via LoTW. For updated info and satellite pass announcements (Time+Frequencies) on Twitter: EA4NF_SAT

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-038. Marcel, PD5MVH, will once again be active as PD5MVH/p from

Ameland Island between March 16-30th. Activity will be on 40/20/10 meters using CW, SSB and JT65. He also plans to be in the UK/EI DX CW Contest (March 23-24th) using the callsign PD38EU. QSL for both callsigns via PD5MVH, direct or by the Bureau. Check out QRZ.com for more details.

EU-048. Christian, F5OHH, will be active as F5OHH/p from Groix Island between now and March 23rd. He plans to activate from various locations (3 lighthouses, 4 WWFF references, 2 castles). Operations will be on 80/40/20/15 meters. QSL via F5OHH, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL. For more details, updates and his complete schedule of operations, see: <https://headlight44.fr>

EU-048. The Charente DX Group (CDXG) will be active as TM4G from Groix Island (DIFM AT 012) between April 13-20th. Team members are Franck/F4GBD, Eric/F5LOW, Laurent/F5MKN, Fabrice/F5NBQ, Bertrand/F6HKA and Leon/ON4ZD/OS0S. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ON4ZD, direct, by the Bureau or use as much as possible Clublog's OQRS.

NA-150. (Reminder) Cezar, VE3LYC, will be active as VE3LYC/KL7 from Little Diomed Island, Alaska, between March 18-26th. Activity will be on 40-17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <https://ve3lyc-kl7-na150.weebly.com>

SA-005. (Reminder/Update) The RRC operators Vasily/R7AL, Vladimir/RK8A, Aleksei/RL5F, Leonid/RW9JZ and Wlodek/SP6EQZ are now active as XR0ZRC from Robinson Crusoe Island (WW Loc. FF06oi), in the Juan Fernandez Islands (CE0Z) group, until April 3rd. The DXpedition Pilot will be Victor, UA3AKO. Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via R7AL, direct, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/xr0zrc>

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KH8, SAMOA (Update). Operators Palle/OZ1RH and Joergen/OZ0J will be active as KH8/OZ1RH and KH8/OZ0J from American Samoa (OC-045) between April 15-22nd. Activity will be on 80-12 meters, including using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (FT8, maybe RTTY). QSL via their home callsign, LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS or eQSL. For more details and updates, see: <http://kh8.oz0j.dk>

OPDX MAILING LIST (Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

OT40, BELGIUM (Special Event). Look for special event station OT40THN to be active throughout the month of April. Activity is to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Thuin UBA (ON6TN) section. A special QSL card will be sent through the UBA Bureau. Operations will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters on SSB, CW, RTTY and the Digital modes.

PJ2, CURACAO (Reminder). Andy, DK5ON, is once again active as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) until March 30th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters including the 17/12 meter bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and the Digital modes (RTTY/PSK/JT65/FT8). QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. NO eQSL.

PJ4, BONAIRE. John, KK9A, will once again be active as PJ4/KK9A from the "Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between March 24-31st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He plans to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) signing PJ4R as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via WD9DZV.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 18-24th).....

Mar/18th AN	Mar/21st AN	Mar/23rd AN
Mar/19th AN	Mar/22nd AN	Mar/24th AN
Mar/20th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Realtime propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF

4S7KKG via DC0KK	EA9/G4ONL via GI4ONL (d/L)	LZ19ECC via LZ1KSP
5X3E via I2YSB	ED3D via EA3RCB	OE/DJ8QP via DJ8QP

C56DF via G3XTT	EH8URT via EA8URT	R100WD via RZ9WU
CO6RD via EA5GL (d)	EI100YXQ via EI9FVB	R100WW via RM8W
CT9/DL3KWR via DL3KWR & (L)	EM3N via UR5NLA	R160PM via RA9FDR
DR19SID via DM2RM & (L)	FG8OJ via F4AVX & (L)	W9W via N0HJZ
E51NPQ via DM7PQ	GP0STH via G4DIY (d/L)	XR0ZRC via R7AL (O/L)
EA/CT1EEC via CT1EEC	I3/OE6MBG/P via EB7DX	YO3IPA via YO3AAS

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
 (O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
 (I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/A5A> *now available for the latest operation

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/A52IC>

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/XV9JK>

* PLEASE NOTE: The ClubLog DX Report (<https://clublog.org/dxreport.html>) is updated every 7 days and contains a summary of band conditions and activity, based on the data that you and other ClubLog users have uploaded. Also, it now includes a breakdown of modes logged in the last week. Check it out.....

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5X2B, 9G2HO, 9G5AR, 9M6ZAE, A45XR, A5A, EW8W, FR4NT, HB9NBG, HD8M, HQ9X, IB4A, IZ2GTS, MJ0LEL, OK7W, OO9A, PU2OIP, S79AA, S79KW, TG9ANF, TI7W, VK0AI, ZL3GAV and ZL3JT

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B9FR, HD8M, LX1JX, OA1F and TR8CR

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE TO REPORT THIS WEEK!!!

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

SU, EGYPT. During the past week, Vlad, UA4WHX, was active as SU9VB from Egypt, but seems to have gone QRT on March 12th. QSL via UA4WHX.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI. Operators Stan/LZ1GC and Mitko/LZ3NY will be active as T30GC from Tarawa Atoll (OC-017), Western Kiribati, between October 30th and November 15th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LZ1GC, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

V8, BRUNEI. Hajime, JO1RUR, will once again be active as V85RH from Brunei. Activity will be during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LoTW.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLANDS. Operators Chris/GM3WOJ and Keith/GM4YXI will once again be active as VK9CZ from Cocos Keeling Islands (OC-003) between November 12-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and some FT8. Two stations will be on the air. They will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N3SL. Look for a

new Web page to be activated in the next few weeks with more details and updates.

VP6 PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). The October Pitcairn Island DX-pedition team has now posted their callsign, VP6R, for their operation which will take place between October 18th and November 1st. Visit the Pitcairn Island DXpedition Web page at: <https://pitcairndx.com>
Their Pitcairn Island FaceBook page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580069859103416>

Also, their Twitter page is at: <https://twitter.com/2019Island>

VP8/OS, SOUTH ORKENY ISLANDS (Press Release, dated March 15th). [edited]
"South Orkney Islands DX-pedition (AN-008) -- After their successful VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition, the Perseverance DX Group (pdxg.net) is pleased to announce their intention to activate South Orkney Islands, currently ClubLog #16 most wanted.

Planning has begun for an expedition in Feb/Mar, 2020. A team of experienced DX and Contest operators will operate from Signy Island for up to 15 days. The process of obtaining landing permission is underway. The callsign will be announced at a later date. The team will sail from Punta Arenas, Chile, aboard RV Braveheart. Seven operating positions are planned for 160-10 meters, SSB/CW/Digital.

The team includes: Dave/K3EL, Les/W2LK, Steve/W1SRD, Ricardo/PY2PT, Gene/K5GS, Arliss/W7XU, Heye/DJ9RR, Laci/HA0NAR, Mike/WA6O, Vadym/UT6UD, Walt/N6XG and Rob/N7QT.

Additional details will be released as they develop.

Donations may be made via the website.

Website: <https://sorkney.com/>

Please direct your questions to: info@sorkney.com

73, South Orkney 2020 Team"

YB, INDONESIA. Hans, YB2DX, will once again be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign.



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<http://www.nodxa.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation>



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